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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: R. Rogers Yocum *et al.*

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Production of Panto-Compounds*

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AMENDMENT And RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 15) dated March 11, 2003. A Request for an appropriate Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.